

who, owing to the ponderous nature of his stocks found it impracticable to remove them, made no further effort in this section. Many of the houses, however, and it necessary to even elevate the stock on the first floor, as the water was gradually moving upward.

At about the time the water would reach the front street Chinese merchant, after waiting until about noon in the hope that the water would recede, or at least come to a standstill, was finally obliged to take active measures to save his stock on the first floor. He had a temporary structure about four feet high and soon had a small army of men at work moving his goods.

TERRIES ON FRONT STREET

A perennial source of fun and good amusement was found by the large number of spectators in watching the efforts of several young men in navigating the narrow and somewhat boisterous waters about the intersection of Front and Stark streets. Two small boats were brought out each manned by a skillful navigator and each end of the boats small poles were used. Each pole was attached a long broad strip of cloth.

Every expression did a good business at the intersection of Washington and Front streets, where a large crowd stood about all day. It was only a short trip, but there were many who gladly paid a dime for the taking.

SOUTH OF STARK STREET

Very few elevated roadway along the river above Stark street was crowded with spectators who stood and watched the water cause the logs to roll into the street. Many of the docks were twisted down with long piles of logs and other heavy material.

RIVER AGAIN THREATENED

At about 12 this morning another boom containing at least 1000 logs came down the river either from Smith Bros' or Pennoyer's sawmill. The logs were seen some distance up the river, and as they neared the bridge every man ran to the west side approach for safety. There was an awful moment of suspense and then the crash came. The bridge trembled and groaned and most of the piles in the lower end of the draw rest were uprooted, but the logs resisted even the power of dynamite.

At a late hour last night the bridge was a little shaky, and even Campbell felt dubious

about the safety of the structure.

SITUATION AT THE MILLS

Yesterdays inundated two large lumber yards. Inundated—Two large

Rooms of Logs Adrift

The lumber yards of Smith Brothers and Pennoyer Mill Company are flooded with water. The floors of the mills are

at a depth of three or four feet. The lumber piles are partially submerged

sheds are damaged and the plank

sheds are broken and jammed out of

shape. The water is gradually fitting its

way into the offices and at a late hour, last

night word came from the men at Pennoyer's mill that they were almost drowned

meaning thereby that they would

soon be abandoned their posts.

SMITH BROS' LOGS

boom of logs containing between 250-

300 and 300 feet of lumber came down

river at 9 o'clock yesterday morning. It

was against the draw rest of the Morrison

bridge with great force, but fortun-

ately was dislodged with little difficulty

and was not known whose logs they were

in the afternoon when Smith Brothers

ascertained that the boom belonged to

them. The boom was fastened about a

foot above the mill, and it was thought

it was safe. The current, however,

was too strong. The boom could not

stand the strain and the log floated off

a large raft.

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WATERFALLS ON THE RIVER

III. TRAYNE

His Wife and Daughter Perish in the Fire.

HE IS NEARLY STIFLED

Mrs. Tracy Leaps From a Window and Is Killed.

TRIED TO SAVE HER HUSBAND

Spectators See White-Robed Mary Tracy Praying in the Flames.

THE BODIES TAKEN TO THE WHITE HOUSE

A French Maid Also Burned to Death—Washington Official and Society Circle Addicted

—The Queen's Condolence.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—[Special Telegram.]

Mrs. Tracy, the wife of Secretary Tracy, Miss Mary Tracy, his youngest daughter and Josephine, a French maid, were found unconscious in the White House yesterday morning. The house was completely wrecked, and the furniture is a total loss. Its value is estimated at \$80,000. The house was magnificently furnished, all the articles being new.

John J. Schriver, the Washington correspondent, found \$600 near the spot where Mrs. Tracy fell, and it is supposed she had the money in her hand when she leaped from the burning building.

AWFUL SCENES AT THE FIRE.

A gentleman who saw the fire said: "Never in my life did I see or hear such a sight. It seemed as though hell had broken loose and sent its fiery tongue to the earth. The whole building seemed one seething mass of flame, bursting from every point. Screams followed scream, each one more shrill and louder than the other, from the interior of the building."

On a few people were passing at the time and they seemed bewildered. Mrs. Tracy was still alive, was brought in by two firemen and was placed on a sofa in the dining room. Here she lingered for about an hour, fully conscious and apparently suffering but little. It was a little after 8 o'clock when she spit up a little blood, but hardly enough to be termed a hemorrage, closed her eyes, and with a faint smile ceased to breathe. The cook, scalded and blackened, but not seriously injured, was next brought in. She was reviled with an upstairs room. The remains of Mrs. Tracy and those of her daughter, Miss Mary Tracy, were conveyed to the executive mansion and placed in the east room, where they will remain until the funeral arrangements shall have been completed.

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MURDERED BY A WHITE MAN.

INDIAN PETE—Shot Dead in West Seattle.

SEATTLE, Feb. 4.—[Special Telegram.]

Early this morning a party of Indians arrived from West Seattle in a canoe, bringing the body of a young Indian named Pete, who had been murdered by a white man, whose name could not be learned. The Indians tell the following story about the shooting:

Last night about 10 o'clock four white men visited their camp and tried to force an Indian and his squaw to drink whisky, which he refused, and one white man, however, took the gun of the Indian and severely injured him. The Indians made an outcry, and their companions in adjoining tents rushed to their assistance and a free fight took place. During the row one of the white men fired, killing an Indian. Pete, instantly.

The four white men then fled, and have not been captured, although the police are instituting vigorous search. It is thought the men went to Tacoma.

TERMINATED HIS BENEFACTOR.

INDIAN PETE KILLED by a San Francisco Insurance Agent.

STATE OF AFFAIRS AT OSWEGO.

River Booming—Innumerable Quantities of Driftwood, Etc. Destroyed There.

A tremendous amount of logs and driftwood floated down and had lodged against the trestle on the narrow gauge road at Oswego. Throughout yesterday afternoon a large force of men were engaged in an attempt to clear away the debris by blasting, with some slight success. Fully one hundred feet of track had been washed out and T. R. Ward, who was engaged in clearing the road, was severely injured.

The bridge over Sucia creek on the Oregon City road, had been turned from east to west, instead of from north to south as it formerly stood, but remains almost intact. Little damage having been done to it. All travel across the creek is done now by boat.

THE YANKEE AT A STAND.

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ENTHUSIASTIC VIEW OF IT.
COMERS "the old settler" has long been the author of the flood of '61. Yes, he has been the author of the old settler whenever he has written his book. The author of the old settler, whatever he may be, has shown a considerable use, nothing like '61. And then the author would have his head, abashed by his story to tell, and the old-settler triumph over him.

THE POOR LIST FOR JANUARY

On the hypothesis that he that giveth to the poor lendeth to the Lord, Multnomah county may be said to be rapidly increasing its celestial bank account. The late snow storm and subsequent downpour of rain covered to the county anthonies an indigent population of the class that rung to rub along, in a dreary sort of way without absolute suffering when the skies are fair, but are quickly brought to destitution by stress of weather. County orders to the amount of \$253 were issued to the relief of members of this class during January exclusive of the expense of caring for an unusual number at the county hospital and poor farm.

Many of these people are not men but of the obscure type who as soon as one is nation is used up fall back helpless upon the public for a reissue of charity bonds. They have made the mistake of coming here on the verge of the inclemency season with barely money enough to laid themselves, their families and a few household goods, more or less battered in the city. Without special industrial qualifications or aims the consequences in such cases are easily foreseen. While it is not probable that the run on the county treasury from this source will be greatly lessened during the present month, it may reasonably be expected that the coming of spring will enable the improvident of the more willing class to help themselves at least temporarily.

The feature of relief of this character that is not to be regretted is the certainty with which it says the self-help independence that it demands aims. It is doubtful whether any man has ever again, the same quality of self respect and honest pride in his nature after having presented himself at a despatched supply depot with a county order in hand for food, fuel, shelter or raiment for himself and his family which he has not earned. The barriers of pride having once been broken down are not likely to be made good again, since in the rebuilding of the navy while the work is in progress. The construction of this navy, which will be the United States once more in the final rank of naval powers will cover three new administrative. The breadth and general comprehension of the late secretary of the navy's views is attested by the number and variety of the vessels he contemplated asking congress to construct. The sum \$200,000,000 asked for the ninety two new warships is not a large amount and it will complete the reconstruction of the navy that has been going on with energy under Secretaries Chandler and Whitney for seven years. There are now built or authorized more than thirty modern vessels, including eleven armclades. When we have added to these already built or authorized the ninety two vessels contemplated by the McClellan board we shall have a navy of between 120 and 130 vessels. The ninety two vessels which Secretary Tracy's board propose to add to the navy include armored cruiser, with three knots an hour than the Maine and the Texas, and unarmed cruisers two or three knots faster than even the Baltimore. Secretary Chandler did not see the Dolphin put in commission while he was in office. Secretary Whitney has none of the vessels designed by his administration put in commission and now a deplorable calamity has sent Secretary Tracy to the grave in the bright and promising morning of his official career. His death is a great loss to the administration he had been in office just long enough to win the complete confidence of both parties in congress in his energy, ability and integrity. The only telegraphic communication with the coast was via cable and the Canadian Pacific. The only local wires working were those west of the river to Albany.

STUPID AND PARSIMONIOUS.

The snow and flood blockade of the winter have given the people of the Pacific coast new and better reason to complain of the parsimony and stupidity of the United States postal service. Every department of the government indeed is from five to ten years behind in its realization of the needs of this remote but growing region. It is the incapacity of those who control the postal service to comprehend what should be done or their unwillingness to do it that comes closest home to the people. The physical difficulties in the way of mail transportation have been serious enough this winter without being aggravated as they have been by the parsimony and neglect of the government.

Though there are two or three lines of communication more or less direct between Portland and the East and between Portland and San Francisco which have never been simultaneously closed for a single day we have been more or less completely isolated from both for weeks together, because traffic was interrupted on the lines which had the contract for carrying the mails. During the long snow blockade on the Union Pacific the Northern Pacific was open and mail from its west of Chicago came through with unfeigned regularity. It would seem the most stupid thing in the world to divert the mail from the line that was closed to the line that was open, instead of keeping the people of the remote Northwest connected with the world.

That the elector of the state of Oregon could not be compelled to vote for the Democratic ticket in the election of 1876 was a fact that could not be denied. The elector of the state of Oregon could not be compelled to vote for the Democratic ticket in the election of 1880.

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